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Dear Friend:

I am pleased to announce the 2005 Congressional Art Competition and National Exhibition, "An Artistic Discovery." The contest is open to all high school students either attending school or residing in the Fourth Congressional District (all of Ramsey County, northern Dakota County, and part of Washington County). Entries will be judged by a local arts community panel. The winning entry from the Fourth District will be displayed as part of a national exhibition in the U.S. Capitol. Runners-up will be displayed in my congressional offices here in St. Paul and in Washington, D.C.

Entries may be mailed or dropped off at my St. Paul office in the Blair Arcade Building at: 165 Western Avenue North, Suite 17, St. Paul, MN 55102. Guidelines and entry forms are enclosed with this letter. **Entries must be received by Friday, April 22, 2005. Students are encouraged to submit a written paragraph discussing their work.**

I hope that you will encourage your students to participate in this prestigious national contest. I am thrilled to recognize the creativity and talent of our young artists through this contest. As a member of the National Council on the Arts, the advisory board to the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Congressional Arts Caucus, I am privileged to share Minnesota's leadership, commitment and excellence in the arts with the nation.

Please feel free to contact Erin Ghare on my staff at 651-224-9191 or erin.ghare@mail.house.gov for more details, or access my website at www.mccollum.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty".

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress